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REMARKS

This is in full and timely response to the Office Action on the merits dated November 15, 2004. Reconsideration and reexamination are respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 1-11 have been allowed, claims 14-20 stand objected to, and claims 12 and 13 stand rejected. By the foregoing amendment, claims 13 and 14 have been canceled and claims 12, 15, and 16 have been amended. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form. Therefore, claims 1-12 and 15-20 remain in this application with claims 1, 12, and 16 being independent.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

The drawings are objected to as not showing every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Specifically, the examiner stated that the following elements must be shown or the features canceled from the claims:

a primary valve positioned in said body portion of said housing in communication with said coolant and air channels and selectively movable between a first configuration closing said coolant channel and said air channel, a second configuration enabling said coolant to flow through said coolant channel, and a third configuration enabling the compressed air stream to flow through said air channel, a trigger coupled to said primary valve for user movement

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of said primary valve between said first and second and third configurations, a trigger mounted in said housing and extending therefrom for movement between first, second, and third configurations; air delivering means cooperating with said trigger for delivering a compressed air stream through said air channel to said second outlet port when said trigger is at said second configuration; and actuating means cooperating with said trigger for actuating said canister to deliver a portion of said coolant through said coolant channel to said first outlet port when said trigger is at said third configuration.

To overcome this objection, Figures 2c, 2d, 6c, and 6d have been added to show the second and third configurations of the trigger and the actuating means that cooperates therewith. These drawings do not constitute new subject matter since the subject matter therein was adequately disclosed in the specification and claims as originally filed. As discussed with the examiner by phone on December 1, 2004, the inner workings of the primary valve 42 are not shown; since valves are well known in the art, depicting the different configurations is not necessary for a full understanding of the current invention.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The Brief Description of the Drawings has been replaced to reflect the addition of Figures 2c, 2d, 6c, and 6d. Further, it now accurately recites that the trigger is at the first configuration in Fig. 2b and Fig. 6b.

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IN THE CLAIMS:35 U.S.C. § 102 Rejections:

Claims 12 and 13 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by
5 Lilja (US 3,937,253). However, the examiner has indicated that claims 14-20 stand objected to
as depending from a rejected base claim (i.e. claim 12) but that they would be allowable if
rewritten in independent form to include all of the limitations of the base claim. Accordingly,
claim 12 has been amended to include all of the limitations of claim 14 as well as the limitations
of claim 13 which is intervening. Claims 13 and 14 have been canceled, and claim 15 has been
10 amended to properly depend from claim 12. Therefore, claim 12 should now be in condition for
allowance along with claims 15 and 18-20 which depend therefrom, and such is respectfully
requested. Claim 16 has been rewritten in independent form and should also be in condition for
allowance along with claim 17 which depends therefrom, and such is also respectfully requested.
More particularly, claim 16 has been amended to include all of the limitations of the base claim
15 to which it previously depended and continues to include the limitation of a blade, the blade
being considered allowable subject matter by the examiner in this Office Action.

Conclusion:

This application should now be in condition for allowance and such is respectfully
20 requested. If the examiner has any suggestions that would place this application in even better
condition for allowance, he is invited to contact the applicant's representative at the telephone
number listed below.

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Respectfully Submitted,

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